



Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

PROVERBS FROM ABACO, BAHAMAS. — The following proverbs were collected on Abaco, in the Bahama Islands.¹

1. Hard head bud (bird) don' make good soup.
(Disobedient children don't turn out well.)
2. Beeg eye choke puppy.
(Equivalent to, "Don't bite off more than you can chew.")
3. Married got teet (teeth).
(Marriage isn't all bliss, and sometimes you get bitten.)
4. Better fer belly fer bus' en fer good wittles fer was'e. (Jamaica.)
5. Foller fashion kill monkey.
(Some people strain themselves to death trying to ape their neighbors.)
6. Too much sit-down break trousers.
(If you are lazy, you won't have any clothes to wear, as they wear out just the same.)
7. When cockroach have dance, he no ax fowl. (Jamaica.)
(Don't invite your enemies, they will only pick you to pieces.)
8. Loose goat do' know how tie' goat feel, but tie' goat know how loose goat feel.
(When a man is free and able to go about at will, he doesn't realize how blessed he is; but he soon realizes how fortunate he used to be, if he gets into trouble and is no longer free.)
9. God do' like ugly.
10. Do' t'row way dirty water till yer know where clean water dere.
(Be content with what you have until you see your way clear to something better.)
11. Easy, easy, kech (catch) monkey.
(Go cautiously and you will succeed.)
12. E'ry John Crow t'ink 'im pickaninny white. (Jamaica.)
(The blackest man thinks his own children the finest, and that they can do no wrong.)
13. Some mans does dead befo' dem time.
(They make trouble for themselves.)
14. When man drunk, him stagger; when woman drunk, him lay down.
(Women go to extremes more than men.)
15. Do' go da road, 'tis one bad road; de longes' road carry yer home safes'.
(Short cuts don't pay.)

HILDA ARMBRISTER.

¹ For Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, cf. "Creole Folk-Lore from Jamaica" (JAFL 9 : 38. Nos. 72, 44, 65, 13, 50, 28).—E. C. P.